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Guatemala Blames Cuba for Revolt

GUATEMALA CITY (AP).—President Miguel Ydigoras demanded here yesterday that rebels in two northern towns surrender or face destruction at the hands of loyalist troops. He sent a message to the insurgents telling them to raise a white flag at the Puerto Barrios airport and confirm their surrender by telegram. This was the second uprising in a week against conservative governments in Central America. Government leaders in Guatemala and Nicaragua said the rebels were supported by Cuba. Fourteen rebels surrendered early yesterday in the Nicaraguan town of Diriamba where they had been holding 200 students and a local army commander hostage in a school. The rebels were demanding safe-conduct passes out of Nicaragua. This signalled the end of the uprising against President Luis Somoza. However, some of the Nicaraguan rebels fled to their bases in neighbouring Costa Rica where they were being hunted by Costa Rican forces. Three insurgents were captured there yesterday. The Guatemalan high command sealed off roads leading to the town of Puerto Barrios on the east coast 250 kms. northeast of the capital and Zacapa, 120 kms. in the same direction. Censorship has screened reports of the fighting. The Government announced that an army force of 3,000 troops and bombers were being sent to the area. The rebels were assigned to drive out the rebels who took over the army garrisons at Puerto Barrios and Zacapa on Sunday by pretending it is reported to be friendly reinforcements. The Puerto Barrios commander, Colonel Rodolfo Gonzalez, was killed together with two other officers. Colonel Ramon Gonzalez, commander of the Zacapa garrison, escaped and managed to sound the alarm. The Government reported that the army forces, which remained loyal, fought the rebels at Puerto Barrios and destroyed the runway to prevent any attempt to land reinforcements for the rebel movement. That might be undertaken from Cuba. In a broadcast to the nation earlier in the day, President Ydigoras said his Government would refuse to deal with "traitors". The Government will make a distinction between those who were deceived and those who sold their uniforms, selling out for the gold of Castro and Khrushchev, he declared. He said part of the nation had been deceived and "betrayed" in the name of a constitutional government. "We will go on until all Marxist-Castro contamination is removed from the army and the nation," the President declared.

U.S. Asks Inter-American Mediation in Cuba Dispute

UNITED NATIONS (UPI).—The U.S. has asked an inter-American "Good Offices" committee to mediate its dispute with Cuba. It was officially announced here yesterday. The U.S. has far refused to indicate whether it would agree to accept the work of the committee, which was set up by the Hemisphere Foreign Ministers conference in San Jose, Costa Rica. The U.S. request was made known in a letter from Mr. Jose Mora, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS), to Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The U.S. is making the request, according to a "military build-up" in collaboration with the Cuban Government, which threatened peace throughout Latin America and directly violated hemisphere declarations against Communist intervention. Mr. Mora requested that the Security Council be informed of the developments, including Premier Fidel Castro's continuing defiance of the U.S. move. The Good Offices committee, as it was organized at San Jose, would include representatives of the highest level of Venezuela, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Chile and Costa Rica. It has not previously been called into action. Mr. Mora circulated two letters from the U.S. State Department, asking that the committee meet at once "for

Gursel Prepares For Legislature

ISTANBUL (Reuters).—General Cemal Gursel, Turkish head of state, has told a committee of experts to speed up a draft bill for the creation of a new constitution and advise the military committee on new laws and reforms. On the other hand, they attempted to act as rapidly as possible to assure the success of their ideas. They persuaded the majority of the National Committee that 147 professors and lecturers at Turkish universities who, for one reason or another did not fit in with the military conception of the men to fill such positions, should be summarily dismissed. The temper which followed this decision, the university professors, the students and the press, in fact of all the elements that had spearheaded the struggle against the Menderes regime, seem to have been the straw that broke the camel's back. General Gursel and most of his colleagues realized that the military committee, already confronted with the violent opposition of the peasant masses—who despite the Yasak trial have not abandoned their support for Menderes and are in danger of being the support of the remaining part of the population. These circles had seen in the military coup not the end of the Menderes regime, but the beginning of an era of real democracy and political freedom. It was therefore to be expected that the move towards normalisation of political life will be stepped up as a result of this temporary crisis, and a new united military committee will progressively prepare the country for a return to the democratic forms of life as deeply desired by the Turkish people.

Ex-Eoka Men Offer Aid to FLN Rebels

NICOTIA (AP).—Greek Cypriots who fought in the ranks of the Eoka underground, have offered to help the Algerian rebels. It was announced yesterday by the weekly Greek-Cypriot newspaper "Makhe" (Combat). The paper said a Committee of former members of the underground is in touch with the Algerian rebel "Government" and that a representative is to meet the rebel commander, Krim el-Kassem, in the near future to discuss how the former Eoka men can best help the rebels. In the same issue, "Makhe" published an interview with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Spyridon Kyprianou, quoting him as saying Cyprus will support the Algerian people's demand for self-determination.

De Gaulle Meets Debré on Algeria

PARIS.—President de Gaulle met with Premier Michel Debré yesterday to discuss the Algerian situation. The President is expected to announce a new step in the Algerian situation. In a meeting with Debré, the President's office gave no indication what was discussed. Part of the meeting presumably was devoted to planning tomorrow's Cabinet meeting, at which Gen. de Gaulle is expected to announce a new step in the Algerian situation. In Algiers Sunday night, an audience shouted "Algerie Française" and sang the French national anthem in honor of the performance of the Offenbach opera, "La fille du Tambour Major". The orchestra joined in the demonstration, which broke out as the opera company's baritone sang the Marseillaise. A French army's entry into Milan in Napoleonic times. A new flood of tracts, whose sources were unknown, made their appearance in Algiers Sunday night. Some of them called on Army officers to resign over President de Gaulle's Algerian policy. Earlier, 31 of the 35 persons held at a screening camp near Algiers, following French military operations, were released. The released persons were charged with violence and assault. The fourth, a 17-year-old youth, was kept in detention after being charged with the same offense.

Scores of Children Die in Syrian Fire

At least 12, and possibly more than 150 children died in a fire that swept a cinema in northern Syria during a special children's show Sunday night. While official reports in Damascus said 12 children had perished and 50 were injured, a local newspaper put the deaths at "over 150". The children in the township of Amoudah in the Hama province were watching a special children's show when the cinema's projection room fire rapidly spread through the building. The fire broke out before the building collapsed. The other news services said the Executive Council of the UAR's Syrian region decided to send to the area medical supplies.

Four Negro Tots Break Ban On New Orleans Integration

NEW ORLEANS (Reuters).—Between 25 and 30 white children walked out of the school and a dozen out of another yesterday after four little Negro girls, aged six, were escorted by four U.S. Marshals, had entered in a first breach in the walls of racial segregation in this city's education network. One white woman declared: "The Negroes are going to take over. They are going to run us all out here."

Cairo's Chief Rabbi Naboum Dies at 88

CAIRO (Reuters).—The death of Rabbi Haim Naboum, 88, was announced here yesterday. Rabbi Naboum headed the Egyptian Jewish community since 1927. The funeral took place at noon yesterday from Cairo's Great Synagogue. Col. Abdul Nasser instructed his First Chamberlain, Abdul Hamid Elbag, to relay his condolences to the Jewish Community, AP reported from Cairo. A distinguished scholar, Rabbi Naboum was the author of several learned works. He was honored with many decorations, including that of Commander of the French Legion of Honour. He became almost totally blind in 1955 after suffering for a long time from an eye disease, but he carried on his duties almost to the end, although Rabbi Ibrahim Doukha was appointed in August, 1959 to assist him.

Israel Fishermen Lodge Appeal

ANKARA (Reuters).—The five Israeli fishermen, sentenced after this month to five years' jail on a charge of fishing inside Turkish territorial waters, have lodged an appeal with the Supreme Court here.

Syrians Ask Life For Turkish Spies

The Syrian army prosecutor has demanded life terms for four Syrians charged with spying for Turkey, Cairo Radio reported last night. The trial began in Damascus last week. The prosecution has alleged that the prisoners had been ordered to report back to Ankara on the number, names and specific duties of Russian experts working in Syria.

Vientiane Units Marching On Royal Capital

VENTIANE (Reuters).—Prince Souvanna Phouma, the neutralist Prime Minister of Laos, said yesterday that steps were being taken to recapture the royal capital of Luang Prabang. The garrison there rebelled last Friday and declared its allegiance to the right-wing Revolutionary Committee led by Prince Souvanna Phouma. General Phouma Navaan, whose headquarters are at Savannakhet, near the Thai border. Prince Souvanna also said: "We have the situation in Upper Laos well in hand, but refused to say whether reinforcements had been sent there."

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JERUSALEM Post Reporter. LYDDA AIRPORT.—The Mayor of West Berlin and Mrs. Willy Brandt were given a warm official welcome on arrival here by Altalita last night, but he told pressmen that his visit here included a series of problems. "It would be unwise and unrealistic if one were not aware of these problems," Mayor Brandt said. "But people in Israel know my record."

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Police Hunt Killers Of US Nazis' Prober

LOS ANGELES (Reuters).—Detectives have begun a wide-spread investigation into the murder of a Los Angeles journalist who was preparing a series of articles on Nazi youth activities in Southern California. He was Roby Heard, 36, who was found beaten to death in his Hollywood flat on Saturday. He had apparently been shot at a desk and his breakfast. There was evidence of a struggle. Police said that Heard, who was night editor of the Los Angeles City News Service, had launched his Nazi inquiry after several youths in Nazi-type uniforms had picked a quarrel with him. He was married yesterday to Swedish actress May Britt. Police said they had questioned two alleged members of a Nazi-style gang who had been interviewed several times by both Davis and Miss Britt, 26, are converts to Judaism, and their marriage was conducted according to Jewish tradition. Frank Sinatra was last seen.

TEL AVIV-YAFO MUNICIPALITY Notice To Invited Guests

All guests invited by Tel Aviv Municipality to the Mason Auditorium on Wednesday, November 16, both to dinner and the Israel Folk Evening, are requested to bring their invitations indicating their seat at table or in the hall, in order to avoid seating accommodation difficulties.

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Belgium Warns: May Quit UN over Congo

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters).—The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Pierre Wigny, yesterday warned that Belgium might withdraw from the U.N. if Secretary-General U Thant kept up their criticisms of her role in the Congo. "That was a suggestion of a Belgian Government," he told a press conference here. M. Wigny said the Belgian Government had been approached by Secretary-General U Thant, the Secretary-General's special representative in the Congo, who had questioned Belgium's intentions in the new republic. These officials should recognize that Belgium was a sovereign state and should be treated accordingly. They should recognize the normal rules of restraint and respect in dealings with a sovereign country, M. Wigny said. He said there were now 2,100 Belgian civilians in the Congo as teachers and experts, with less than one-third in Katanga and the rest spread over the other provinces. He said they were granted visas to go to the Congo because their aid had been requested by Congolese officials themselves. Asked if he thought the Soviet Union should be granted the same right as Belgium to work in the Congo, M. Wigny said he would not decide for the Congolese authorities what they should do.

Lumumba Urges U.N. Plebiscite

UNITED NATIONS (AP).—Deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba proposed yesterday that the U.N. end its alleged reign of terror in the Congo by arranging a national referendum under U.N. supervision. In a letter to Mr. Frederick Roland, President of the U.N. General Assembly, Mr. Lumumba charged that a minority financed by the U.S. was carrying on a campaign of subversion aimed at controlling the Government. "The tyrannical rule of Leopoldville," he said, "are living today under a reign of terror." The referendum he proposed would provide for the election of a President by popular vote rather than by Parliament. Both the referendum and a presidential election, he suggested, would be supervised by U.N. supervision. Mr. Lumumba accused the Congo President, Mr. Joseph Kasavubu, of creating the present crisis, which he said "is in serious danger of bringing about the complete disruption of the Congo in the near future."

Nasser to Sudan Today

ABU DHABI (Reuters).—Abdul Nasser is to fly to Khartoum this afternoon for a 10-day visit. He is to be accompanied by Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and a number of other Cabinet Ministers. Cairo Radio reported.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Soviet Government has announced a revaluation of the rouble, as of next January 1, from the present rate of 13 rubles to the U.S. dollar to 16 rubles to the dollar.

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Jerusalem Diamond Centre Opens Today

New Building Will Centralize Training, Processing and Export

By A. HAKMAZ

THE diamond industry in Jerusalem will be given a further impetus with the opening today of the Diamond Centre.

Jerusalem is well suited for this particular industry with its low cost of living and because of its location in the heart of the country. There are today in the Jerusalem area 15 diamond workshops employing over 500 workers. There is a serious shortage of sawyers and an insufficient number of cutters in proportion to the number of workers.

The Diamond Centre, one of the largest of its kind in the world, has been constructed and equipped by the Jerusalem Economic Corporation and extends over 5,700 square metres of floor space. The building also houses banking, customs, postal and diamond control services, thus obviating the need to move diamonds from place to place within the country. The Jerusalem Diamond Exchange will also move into the Centre today.

The aggregate number of workers employed in the diamond industry in Jerusalem is about 1,000. This concentration will offer obvious advantages to the industry and should help to solve the industry's pressing credit problem.

As a source of skilled manpower for the new Centre, a training scheme has been set up in Jerusalem upon the initiative of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It is operated by the Jewish Agency for Development and Research in the Diamond Industry. The Ministry of Labour shares in the financing of this scheme in the normal way, i.e. by assistance to the trainees and a contribution to the cost of tuition. At his rate, the Ministry is successfully completing the course.

Each trainee is instructed in several phases of the manufacturing process, and not only in one, as in other similar establishments, and the course therefore extends over 3-10 months instead of the usual four. Some 250 workers are to be trained during 1967, and about 100 cutters are already available for the manufacturers moving into the new Centre.

Another Precious Stone

Another industry that is progressing in Jerusalem is the processing of semi-precious stones. Israel's first diamond cutting and polishing plant was established in August 1966 by the



Jerusalem Economic Corporation, with the assistance of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. This industry is well suited for Israel generally and for Jerusalem in particular. It is not confined to the countries of origin of the raw materials, and the necessary skill can be acquired within a short time. The main part of the manufacturing process is polishing. Raw materials come from Brazil and other Latin American countries, and it is im-

Diamonds in Development Areas

By DAVID KRIVINE, POST Economic Reporter

THE export of diamonds has reached 11.7m in the first eight months of the present year, or 30 per cent more than in the corresponding period of 1966. Israel is already ahead of the export target for 1967 set in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Four-Year Plan.

The rapid development of Israel's industry, which is now the second largest in the world after Belgium, has played its part in tightening the price situation in world markets.

When the Diamond Research and Development Company was established in 1965 by the Ministry of Commerce, the Diamond Cutting Works Federation understood that the company would confine itself to special activities, avoiding cut-throat competition.

At the same time, the company was to concentrate on the manufacture of small, high-quality stones, instead of the large stones which are the mainstay of the industry.

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Social Education Is Modern Need

At the banquet held at the Guildhall in London on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the International Labour Office, the guest-speaker was Mr. David Morley, Director-General of the International Labour Office.

The following is an extract from his address.

It has been my privilege to come to know the activities of ILO quite intimately. I have seen its schools. I know well its Teachers' Institute at Antwerp. I have seen its first-hand and have heard from colleagues and others reports about its programmes in Morocco, Tunisia, Iran, Israel and other countries.

Between the International Labour Office and ILO there is a profound connection. The ILO has undertaken to set up a loan fund for the purchase of equipment, which is not particularly expensive; in the opinion of experts, loans of \$1,000-2,000 each will be sufficient to help people to help themselves.

The decision of states to help each other in the development of the United Nations and its family of organizations to engage in economic and social development is one of the great revolutionary acts of our time. Commitments to this programme of international assistance have been made by statesmen of all major powers.

Great Expectations

Yet great and immediate changes provoked by the impact of these great programmes also strain the fabric of society. Great expectations of a better future have been aroused among the peoples of the underdeveloped countries; the pressure of fulfilling these expectations have not yet been created. Millions of people are moving from villages to towns, hoping for better things, but often only exchanging an impoverished life for a more crowded one.

The world is changing round about a great mass of individuals who have been equipped in any way to understand this change. Attitudes, habits, ways of life are being changed. The new pattern of things is a danger that just as progress towards economic development has made a headway, so the human factor in development is being neglected.

First people must be equipped with the necessary skills

mechanical, scientific and technical skills. The underdeveloped countries need quickly an additional one million highly trained technicians, administrative managers, what we would call "strategic manpower". If they are to be able to absorb investment, to develop their own economy, to build together the kind of institutions through which they can control and channel economic growth, a purely technical education alone is not enough. Indeed it may be

a dangerous thing if not based by a social education which gives a better understanding of the new world technology is helping to create new forms of mass unemployment.

The institutions of an industrial society — trade unions, a new organization of social security and so forth. There is no universal pattern here. Each people must work out its own course. But education is the root of the capacity for any people to work out its own salvation. Without a sound basis of social education among its leaders, any community which tries to follow the path of modernization will be doomed to failure.

Eighty years ago ILO set the torch of training and of assistance to our fellow men to help them find a new and better life, dignity, self-respect, and be better able to make a contribution to the cause of freedom. Others have followed in the footsteps of ILO. Many others now carry these torches as we do in the ILO.

The vision of 80 years ago has now come into its own. What ILO initiated and fostered is now accepted as one of the essential methods through which newly-emerging countries can help find a basis for true independence, sovereignty and self-respect.

In my view, it is more important today than ever before that ILO be strengthened and reformed, and be given every support in the carrying out of its important mission. It is more important than ever that the international community work more closely with ILO. This ILO has been doing and will continue to do in the future because of our common mandate to help our fellow man find and make his place in society. However, it may be, that he may contribute to the wellbeing of his family, his society and the constant struggle which is ours in continuing to work in which men can work and live in dignity, in freedom, and in peace.

Readers' Letters

PROGRESSIVES AND LAVON AFFAIR

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In a report, "After the Affair," which appeared in your paper of November 1, you wrote that the Lavon Affair was the most serious mistake made by the chief of the Intelligence Ministry, Mr. Ezer Weizman.

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The Political Committee of the Progressives, without knowing the hidden thoughts of the main committee, discussed the "Affair," and the proposal was formulated after a careful analysis of the situation. It was suggested that this proposal would provide answers to all the problems involved, personal as well as political. Later a decision of our party was invited to meet a delegation of Mr. Ezer Weizman, the members of our delegation outlined the details of our proposal. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, submitted it to the Government as his and his party's proposition.

Secretary-General of the Progressive Party

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ISRAEL-CYPRUS LINKS

Ha'aretz (non-party), commenting on relations between Israel and Cyprus on the occasion of the soccer match between the two national teams, stresses the need to strengthen the ties between them. The paper mentions attempts to prevent political bonds between Israel and Cyprus and it also cites obstacles impeding closer economic ties between the two countries. After stating that good relations in other spheres contribute to the strengthening of political bonds, the paper goes on to support the programme for encouraging Israel tourism to Cyprus, which will give the Cypriots the means to import goods from Israel.

Ha'aretz (National Religious), commenting on the Jordanian rejection of a U.N. refugee census, writes: "The Jordanian Government is clearly not interested in a census which would reveal the real number of refugees and it would reveal the financial fraud that has resulted from the present inflated figures. . . How long will the U.N. and the countries providing the budget for the maintenance of the refugees (mainly the U.S. and Britain) be willing to allow Jordan to continue to defraud the world."

Ha'aretz (Mizrahi), Shalom (Polei Agudat Israel), Ha'aretz (General Zionist) and Ha'aretz (Agudat Israel) discuss the Ha'aretz proposal that unorganized workers pay an organization tax.

MARGINAL COMMENT BITTER MEMORIES

By Nisim Rejman

THERE is of course nothing new about inter-communal tensions in the Lebanon. There is nothing new, either, in the phenomenon of these tensions being made to masquerade in most cases as differences of principle and/or procedure.

But it seems that seldom has the political and administrative life of that country been as disrupted by these internal rifts as it is today.

Last week, following a particularly sharp verbal exchange between the Finance Minister, the Maronite leader Sheikh Pierre el-Jemayel, and the Minister of Education, the Druse notable Kamal Jumblatt, President Shehab invited both of them for separate interviews. Giving each a friendly pat on the back, he also gave them to understand that "enough was enough" — that they were going to stand no more nonsense!

The fact is that the present Lebanese Cabinet has a number of projects whose implementation is delayed indefinitely because of constant differences between Ministers. This state of affairs seems to be particularly paralyzing whenever the Finance Ministry is called upon to approve Education Ministry projects involving the expenditure of State funds.

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Left entirely to themselves, the Lebanese can surely live in peace together; if the Christians sometimes show signs of nervousness, it is only because outside influences have been threatening to disturb this peace. At any rate, the present Government, even though it is headed by one of the most prominent leaders of the 1958 "revolt," shows every sign of wanting to let bygones be bygones. Minor skirmishes such as the one between Jumblatt and el-Jemayel always occur — but these have become an inseparable part of the Lebanese landscape for some time.

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stop the fight, and Turkish irregulars maltreated and pillaged refugees fleeing to Damascus and Beirut." (Lebanon in History, p. 437).

THE Christians of the Levant had no where to turn. Within the span of three months and the space of a few miles the total loss of life amounted to some 11,000. The loss of property was estimated at about \$10m, with the damage embracing churches and monasteries. Yet that was not the end. Hitti continues: "From Lebanon the spark flew to Damascus and ignited a reservoir of Moslem ill-feeling generated by the liberal policy of Ibrahim Pasha and the egalitarian provisions (of Ottoman regulations). Impunity for the Lebanese culprits and complicity on the part of government officials served as an encouragement. The Christian quarter was set on fire and some 10,000 of its inhabitants were put to the sword. . . In all, about 11,000 perished in the Syrian capital. The ghastly conduct of Abdul Qadir al-Maghribi, a refugee from French rule in Algeria who was instrumental in saving over 1,000 lives, stands out as a luminous spot against a dark background" (op. cit. pp. 438-9).

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made, and as in all civilly backward communities, the individual must be forced to obey the law until he learns to do so out of habit. There is no other way.

It would be very easy for the Municipality to refuse to connect water or allow occupation of a building until the contractor finished the garden lay-out, the footpath and wall and closed refuse corner. Unfortunately, the impression is given that building contractors, both public and private, have some hold on the City, to the detriment of all suggestions to improve its aesthetic appearance, reduce building density in the outer suburbs, and make the city more worthy of its national and universal significance.

YOUR SAY

ARTHUR NEWMAN
Jerusalem, October 18.

Municipality Replies
Amongst the obligations which the owner of a new building undertakes to carry out before he receives a building licence, is the removal from the property of which the building will be erected, immediately upon the

completion of the work, of all the rubbish and refuse of building materials which have accumulated on the place and around it.

The owner also undertakes not to live in the building or allow others to do so before he has received a Certificate of Completion from the Local Committee. Building inspectors make an inspection of every completed building and if the owner has not carried out his obligations, a case is filed against him.

It is to the advantage of apartment buyers to ensure, at the time when they sign the contract with the owner of the building, that the building has been erected in accordance with the building regulations and a building licence. If buyers of apartments insist on this, they would avoid difficulties and unpleasantness afterwards.

RH. SEHVI
Director of Press and Information Office
Jerusalem Municipality
Jerusalem, October 27.

AT THE CINEMA

Mexican Film Festival

THE last presentation of the Mexican Film Festival in Tel Aviv was "Macario," Mexican entry at this year's film festival where it aroused considerable interest.

Directed by Roberto Gavaldon, one of Mexico's leading film personalities, it is an apocalyptic picture with flashes of poetry, and with what seems to be an authentic "Mexican atmosphere." Preoccupied with touches of humour. The period is that of the Spanish Inquisition and most of the action takes place during the Feast of the Dead, and the photographer has exploited skilfully the strange and interesting decor. The leading role is admirably played by Ignacio Lopez Rayo.

The story is a fantasy about a poor woodcutter whose hungry brood of children are always asking for more. His one dream is to have a whole turkey to eat by himself, and when his wife manages to steal a bird for him he goes off to the forest with his meagre meal. Thereafter, refusing to part with some of it for gold or even for his beautiful Macario points out that the Lord has the whole world and does not need his offering. He shares his turkey with a starving man and as a reward receives a gift of water that will heal all illnesses. Henceforward his life changes, although in the real end as in that of his fabulous dream, death comes to claim him.

The story is over-emphasized and in the latter part of the film there is a certain repetition. But this is a picture of unusual quality which it is hoped will be given general exhibition.

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Warning to Parents

From a Stranger (Mograbli) — second week. It is an adaptation of Roger Garis' play, "The Pony Cart," and deals with the child's claim that he cannot afford to produce profitably. The Diamond Federation believes that there is room for the employment of an estimated 2,000 workers in the processing of "smaller."

With the vigorous expansion in its operations, however, the Development Company has been able to buy its raw materials only from "primary" sources which are available in Sierra Leone and other African territories) and not from the Syndicate or other established brokers. The Government Diamond Controller's interpretation of this understanding — which was not a formal agreement — is that the Company may draw on the Syndicate only for small stones to be used only in the Development Areas. In the event, the Company is giving diamonds to police in Tel Aviv and Nalany, and it has also (according to the Diamond Federation) acquired stones for processing.

Selling on Credit

Most severe of the offences alleged by the private industrialists is that the Company sells its finished products overseas on credit terms. This undercuts an accepted practice in Israel's industry of dealing only in cash. And here lies the nub of the dispute. The ability of working capital for the diamond industry is restricted. It is difficult for the diamond dealers to find the necessary securities for obtain bank loans, and they are obliged to confine themselves to a quick turnover. A company can only afford to sell against credit under present conditions if it has access to a greater supply of working capital than is generally available to the private firms.

The industrialists state that the Development Company is allowing it to offer terms backed by Government funds, with which the private dealers simply cannot compete.

The Federation accuses the Company further of buying without proper regard to

price and quality, and of selling at cut prices, since it is concerned to give employment rather than to stay out of the red. Another of its accusations is under study by the State Controller; that the Diamonds Department of the Ministry (when it was directed by Mr. Yehuda Divon, who now heads the Development Company) made rash loans — according to the private industrialists — on a preferential basis to certain companies.

For several years the Development Company was part and parcel of the Diamonds Department, and it was only thanks to the pressure of the industrialists that it was separated from the Ministry and formed into a limited company. It must be said that the Ministry tried to induce the industry to form a single purchasing company which should be able to tap the more remote markets in Africa and beyond, that many of the smaller firms cannot reach. No agreement was achieved, and this may have been understood as giving the Ministry a head start in its own buying.

New Approach Needed

Mr. Michael Tsour, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, maintains that the Development Company has not sold for lower prices or given better credit terms than other firms. Israel's industry has reached a scale of output which requires a different approach to diamond trading. It is out-of-date to buy more than half of second hand, and sell through a chain of middlemen. The Development Company is a pioneer in the new bolder methods, and thus necessarily trades on many corners. Private firms understand, Mr. Tsour holds, that to remove Mr. Divon from the Company would make no difference to its policies.

The Company will sell \$1.5m. worth of diamonds this year, out of a total export of some \$6m., and employs 400 workers out of a total of 6,000 in the industry. It is therefore absurd, asserted Mr. Tsour, to argue that the Company influences the export market adversely through "dumping operations."

He admits that a nervous reaction might be shown in trading circles abroad at the entry of the Government into the diamond business. Mr. Tsour is prepared that two prominent public personalities be co-opted onto the Board of the Development Company with the mission of ensuring that it operates on straight commercial lines. Better still, he proposes that Israel's industrialists buy up the Company outright.

These radical differences of opinion concerning both facts and policies have led to the appointment of a committee, representing both the Government and the private manufacturers and dealers, with the task of hammering out over the coming weeks the complex questions that are disturbing the diamond trade in its period of greatest expansion.

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